

A strange Prophecie, AGAINST **BISHOPS,**

PRELATES, AND ALL

other *Priests*, which have not kept the faith-
full Order of *Priesthood*; And also against the
Transgressors of Righteousnesse
in these Times.

Together with the Downe-fall and destruction of
Poperie, and the Ruine of *Romes* Monarchall and
Tyranicall Government.

Prophetically declared, that in the yeares
1641, 1642, and 1643. The reformed Churches in these
Westerne Islands, should (both King and People)
joyne with a religious consent to abolish
them out of the Church.

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The Preface to the Reader.

WHether these or such like Prophecies be of God, and proceed from the Holy Ghost or no, let the godly judge. But surely it is commonly seene when God will shew his displeasure and indignation, and intendeth to bring to passe some great act, that all creatures doe Prophecy before, and give warning, although it helpe but little. Even so touching the subversion of Jerusalem, his Prophets did prophecy it before but it availed not. Christ himselfe had threatned it unto them. The Apostles had warned them thereof. They heard Voyces in the Temple. They saw signes in the Element. They heard battels in the aloud. Mad men, and such as were out of their wits, did prophecy it unto them, but all these signes prevailed not, they saw it in act and yet it prevailed not. They might have remedied it, if they would have suffered the Emperour to rule over them, but all prevailed nothing, for they were destroyed because they despised Gods word.

Even so shall it happen unto the Papists also. It is prophesied unto them by Daniel in the 7. and 8. chap. It is prophesied unto them by Zachariah in the 11. chap. It is prophesied by St. John in the Revel. It is prophesied unto them by Christ himselfe, Matth. 24. It is prophesied unto them by St. Paul. 2 Thes. 2. and 1. Tim. 4. It is prophesied unto them by St. Pet. 2. It prevaileth not. Their owne Bishops, Abbots, Monkes and Nunnes prophecy unto them, but it prevaileth not. It is prophesied unto them by Astronomers, It is prophesied unto them by the common

raunour with certaine Proverbs. It is prophesied unto them by Ieremy, and signy in the Element; but all prevaileth not, they might turne it, if they would not presume to be aboue Gods word and mens consciences, but would suffer God and his trueth to raigne over them and all mens consciences, but all prevaileth nothing. Therefore must they be destroyed, there is no remedie, & that which they will not now, they must see to their grieve at last, when all helpe is past.

Wherefore let no good Christian grieve himselfe with them, but rather suffer and take patience, and pray to God that it would please him to revenge the blood of his Saints, and speedily to deliver us from these cruell Tyrants, & all their mischievous or rather hellish enchantments. Thereby shall we manage a greater conquest over them, then by Sword and Armour. God knoweth well where such a Titus is, as shall be the finall destruction of these arrogant Rabbies, or contemptuous Iewes also. To whom be all honour, praise, and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Prophecie of HILGARD.

All worldly Princes and the common people also, shall fiercely fall upon you Priests, which hitherto have abused me. They will turne you away from them, and put you to flight. They shall take away your substance and riches, because that in your time, you have not kept the order of your Priesthood well. These words will they speake by you. Let us cast these Oath-breakers, robbers, and people replenished with all kind of Iniquity, forth of the holy Catholique Church:

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Church: for the holy Church is contaminated and polluted by them. And therefore will God suffer also such things to come over you. Yea, the Kings of the world, shall assist them with their earthly power and might that shall withstand you. Your Priestly dignity and honouring, they will esteeme as nothing worth, and to that purpose will they gather together in Councell, that they may drive you out of their Dominions, because you have driven away the most holy and innocent Lambe from you, with your vngodly and abominable workes. Then shall the Heavens raine downe divers Plagues, which shall be as a revenge of God upon men. The miste shall cover the whole Earth, so that all your grasse shall dry up, and your ornaments become pale. The deepe shall suffer Earthquakes, and then shall appeare the very anger of God, and the rage both of Heaven and Earth. God will send a righteous and straight judgement against the transgressors of Righteousness. And then shall we say altogether. How long shall we forbear and suffer these ravening Wolves? they ought to have bin feeders of the soules, but they be destroyers of them. They bind and vnbind at their owne pleasure (yet such power belongeth not unto them) and as most fearefull beasts they utterly cast us away. And thus remaine we still in our misery and they in their sins, in so much that all Christendome perisherh through them. And whatsoever is right that write they not, but wtest, and onely doe that which is contrary to the Law of God. They devoure us, as the Wolfe devoureth the sheepe; they live continually in lust and gluttony, they bee very robbers of the Church; and

whatsoever they can catch or come by, they take and deuoure it. They make us also with their occupation poore and beggerly. They damne themselves & desire to destroy us also. Therefore will we judge them rightly, and separte them from vs, for they be rather seducers then teachers, &c. Yet care they not for it, but remaine so still, seeking to make all Kingdomes subject unto them. Nevertheless, for all this they must away, and leaue behind them all that they haue, neyther shall they afterwarde rule any more ouer the people againe, with Lands, Possessions, Vineyards, and other temporall goods, which worldly Princes be appointed for. A Pope should be a Pope, a Knight a Knight, a Gentleman a Gentleman, wherefore all such things as they possesse vnrightheously, shall be taken away from them. &c. But against the same will the spiritualitie as heads of this world repine and rebell: to wit, the Popes, Cardinals, Bishops, Abbats, and other Prelates. First with their curie, and with shutting up of the Heauens, but the same will not serue, neither shall men feare it any whit. After that, they will get them to their Armour and weapons, thinking therewith to defend themselves, but against the judgement of God they can doe nothing, for their time is come, &c. Thus much prophesied the Nunne *Willgard*.

So now must the bloody whore drinke of her owne Chalice, and the beast with the false Prophets be cast down into the bottomlesse pit, where as is no rest night nor day, where to suffer paines eternally. And then will Christ raise up faithfull shepherds to feed his flock.

What these shall be, we find in the Scriptures plainly enough declared, as they that came from him, and
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Now may it faile, or what defect can be in such as God
sendeth? God is Righteous, and also sendeth good shep-
herds when he seeth his time. They doe righteously,
and as they teach, even so they live.

These be the true seruants which Christ speaketh of,
which in due time set forth the gifts and glory of the
Father of the household, and not their own traditions,
whereof as yet the whole world is full. But the Lord
(at his good pleasure) for his sonne Iesus Christs sake,
will scowme away all filthinesse and make his glory
appareare. So be it.

The Conclusion.

Divers other like Prophecies there are no whit
necessary to be written, because I hope there
will amendment follow after this, except the
Readers be found to want the chiefe effects of their ciues
and cares: for whom would not this ancient, true, and
faithfull declaration of the *Romish* and *Babylonish*
strumpet, bring to conversion and knowledge? Shee is
here so clerely set forth and painted with all her fals-
hood and colours, that it cannot be done more distinctly.
Hath she not with her Challice made drunke, and with
her subtilty and deceit overcome Emperors, Kings, Prin-
ces, Lords, and with her snares overthrowne all Chris-
tendome? Let euery man marke it well. When did
they any other thing but Pole and shawe, lye and de-
ceiue, burne, and banne, continually increasing warres
and murder? untill such time as they were become heads
of all Kingdomes. &c. The same (as aboue mentioned)
hath endured many yeares, but now will take an end.
For the time of the Whore is come about, and he com-
meth that speaketh in the *Apocalips*, saying: *I am Al-*

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pha and Omega, the beginning & the ending, the first & the
last. Blessed be they that follow his Commandments,
to the end that they may come to the tree of life, and
and enter in at those straight gates of the celestial Ieru-
salem, out of which shall be excluded all Vnbelievers,
Enchanters, Whores, murderers, Idolators, and all
such as love and follow after lyes, whose portion is in
the unspeakable Lake that burneth with fire and
Brimstone.

Now hath Iesus Christ sent his Angell againe, to
shew the people that he is the very roote of *David*, and
the cleere morning Starre, and in none other is there
any saluation, but in him onely, for it is written. There
is no other name vnder heauen whereby we may be sa-
ued, but this onely. &c. Now be that is faithfull still, be
that is holy, let him become more holy, and continue
to the end. and let him not long for the time appro-
cheth. And thus let every man be warned, for when
he knocketh, happy are they that open, but to those that
doe not so, the danger is apparent. for none such, both
Baptisme and all holy Rites are mistified in vaine.
Wherefore let us beware of being Christians onely
in name, and let us pray God to blesse us, and to grant
us his graces, and that he would vouchsafe to guide us
rightly by his holy Spirit. Amen.

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